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Docket No. ___BO-2320c__

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

WARNING	=	Patent must be applied for in the 37 CFR 1.41(a) and 1.53(b).	name(s) of all of the actual inventor(s).						
1.	This	OF APPLICATION: new application is : below):	for a(n) (check one applicable						
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WARNING:		Do not use this transmittal for a completion in the U.S. of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) unless the International application is being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.							
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2. Benefit of Pr U.S. Application(s) (35 120):

NOTE: If the new application being transmitted is a divisional, continuation or a continuation-inpart of a parent case, or where the parent case is an International application which designated the U.S. then check the following item and complete and attach ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

- [x] The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications(s) and enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.
- 3. Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) Regular) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design) Application:

x_	Pages of specification
x	Pages of claims
x_	Pages of Abstract
	_ Sheets of drawing
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WARNING:

DO NOT submit original drawings. A high quality copy of the drawings should be supplied when filing a patent application. The drawings that are submitted to the Office must be on strong, white, smooth, and non-shiny paper and meet the standards according to §1.84. If corrections to the drawings are necessary, they should be made to the original drawing and a high-quality copy of the corrected original drawing then submitted to the Office. Only one copy is required or desired. Comments on proposed new 37 CFR. Notice of March 9, 1988 (1990 O.G. 57-62).

NOTE: "Identifying indicia such as the serial number, group and unit, title of the invention, attorney's docket number, inventor's name, number of sheets, etc., not to exceed 2% inches (7.0 cm.) in width may be laced in a centered location between the side edges within three fourths inch (19.1 mm.) of the top edge. Either this marking technique on the front of the drawing or the placement, although not preferred, of this information on the title of the invention on the back of the drawings is acceptable." Proposed 37 CFR 1.84(1). Notice of March 9, 1988 (1090 O.G. 57-62).

4. Additional papers enclosed:

Preliminary Amendment

[x]	Information Disclosure Statement
[x]	Form PTO-1449
[x]	Citations
[]	Declaration of Biological Deposit
[]	Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow instructions from Representative
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fee". From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity. 12. Instructions As To Overpayment credit Account No. 14-1400 refund Reg. No. Signature of Attorney Tel. No. (Type or print name of attorney P.O. Address [] Incorporation by reference of added pages Check the following item if the application in this transmittal claims the benefit of prior application(s) (Including international application entering the U.S. stage as a continuation, divisional or C-I-P application) and complete and attach the ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED Plus Added Pages For New Application Transmittal Where Benefit Of Prior U.S. Application(s) Claimed Number of pages added _ Plus Added Pages For Papers Referred To In Item 4 Above Number of pages added [] Statement Where No Further Pages Added (If no further pages form a part of this Transmittal then end this Transmittal with this page and check the following item) This transmittal ends with this page.

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NOTE: "In order for an application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending national application, the prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at lest one claim of the later filed application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112." 37 CFR 1.78(a).

NOTE: "In addition the prior application must be (1) complete as set forth in § 1.51, or (2) entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or (3) entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.21(1) within the time period set forth in § 1.53(d)." 37 CFR 1.78(a).

17. Relate back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

NOTE: "Any application claiming the benefit of a prior filed copending national or international application must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to such prior application identifying it by serial number and filing date or international application number and international filing date and indicating the relationship of the applications." 37 CFR 1.78(a). See also the Notice of April 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 to 46).

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NOTE: The proper reference to a prior filed PCT application which entered the U.S. national phase is the U.S. serial number and the filing date of the PCT application which designated the U.S. (1) Where the application being transmitted adds subject matter to the International NOTE: Application then the filing can be as a continuation-in-part or (2) it is desired to do so for other reasons, e.g. where no declaration is available, no English translation is available or no fee is to be paid on filing then the filing can be as a continuation. In these cases the International Application designating the U.S. is treated as the parent case in the U.S. and is an alternative to the completion of the International application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) which must meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.61(a). This alternative permits the completion of the filing requirements within any term set by the PTO under 37 CFR 1.53(d) to which the extension provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply. (Whereas, if the filing is as an international application entering the U.S. stage then the fee, declaration and/or English translation (where necessary) is due within 20 months of the priority date but can be paid within 22 months of the priority date (or is due within 30 months of the priority date but can be submitted within 32 months of the priority date) with the surcharges set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e), (f) and 37 CFR 1.495(c); however, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 do not apply to this 22 or (32 month) period. 37 CFR 1.61(b).)

NOTE: The deadline for entering the national phase in the U.S. for an international application was clarified in the Notice of April 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 to 46) as follows:

"The Patent and Trademark Office considers the International application to be pending until the 22nd month from the priority date if the United States has been designated and no Demand for International Preliminary Examination has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date if a Demand for International Preliminary Examination which elected the United States of America has been filed prior to the expiration of the 19th month from the priority date, provided that a copy of the international application has been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 or 30 month period respectively. If a copy of the international application has not been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office within the 20 or 30 month period respectively, the international application becomes abandoned or to the United States 20 or 30 months from the priority date respectively. These periods have been placed in the rules as paragraph (h) of § 1.494 and paragraph (2) of § 1.495. A continuing application under 35 U.S.C. 365(c) and 120 may be filed anytime during the pendency of the international application."

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5 U.S.C. 119 Priority Cla Relate Back Prior Application

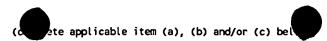
The prior U.S. application(s), including any U.S., International application designating the identified above in item 16, in turn itself claim(s) foreign priority(ies) as follows:

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		Therefore such certified copies may not be available if needed later in the prosecution of a continuing application. Any alternative would be to physically remove the priority documents from the folders and transfer them to the continuing application. The resources required to request transfer, retrieve the folders, make suitable record notations, transfer the certified copies, enter and make a record of such copies in the Continuing Application are substantial. Accordingly, the priority documents infolders of international applications which have not entered the national stage may not be relied on. Notice of April 28, 1987 (1079 O.G. 32 to 46).
19.	Maint	enance of Copendency of Prior Application
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		[] A copy of the conditional petition filed in the prior application is attached
20.		ner Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prion cation(s) Claimed

NOTE: "If the continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application is filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application a statement must accompany the application when filed requesting deletion of the names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in the continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application. 37 CFR 1.62(a) [emphasis added]. (dealing with the file wrapper continuation situation.

NOTE: "In the case of a continuation-in-part application which adds and claims additional disclosure by amendment, an oath or declaration as required by § 1.63 must be filed. In those situation where a new oath or declaration is required due to additional subject matter being claimed, additional inventors may be named in the continuing application. In a continuation or divisional application which discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in a prior application, no additional oath or declaration is required and the application must name as inventors the same or less than all the inventors in the prior application." 37 1.60(c). (dealing with the continuation situation).

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(a)	 [] This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application are [] the same [] less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified for the prior application be deleted:
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(b)	[x] This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application the inventor(s) in this application are [x] the same
	[] the following additional inventor(s) have been added
(c)	<pre>(Type name(s) of inventor(s) to be added) The inventorship for all the claims in this application are [x] the same [] not the same, and an explanation, including the</pre>
21.	Abandonment of Prior Application (if applicable)
	[x] Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.
NOTE:	According to the Notice of May 13, 1983 (103, TMOG 6-7) the filing of a continuation or continuation-in-part application is a proper response with respect to a petition for extension of time or a petition to revive and should include the express abandonment of the prior application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.
22.	Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary
WARNING	to File an Amendment "The claims of a new application may be finally rejected in the first Office action in those situations where (1) the new application is a continuing application of, or a substitute for, an earlier application, and (2) all the claims of the new application (a) are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application, and (b) would have been properly finally rejected on the grounds of art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application." MPEP, § 7.06.07(B).
NOTE:	Where it is possible that the claims on file will give rise to a first action final for this continuation application and for some reason an amendment cannot be filed promptly (e.g. experimental data is being gathered) it may be desirable to file a petition or suspension of prosecution for the time necessary.
	(check the next item, if applicable) [] There is provided herewith a Petition To Suspend Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Transmittal Where Benefit of a Prior U.S. Application Claimed [4-1.1] page 3 of 3)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Kesh S. Narayanan et al.

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March 30, 1990

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. Applicant brings to the attention of the Patent Office the following art, copies of which are attached:

BLOECHER 4,799,939

Abrasive agglomerates made up of abrasive grits, small (70 microns in diameter) glass bubbles and a resinous binder therefor.

HUTCHINS 1,524,134

Mass of fused alumina crystals of about .005 in diameter having a highly porous honeycomb structure.

HARTMANN 1,830,757

Self-sharpening wheel in which friable particles of calcined clay, porous alumina, magnesia or glass (all softer than the abrasive grits) are incorporated to bread out during grinding, leaving an open, free-cutting grinding face.

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MERRIAM 1,956,905

Preformed abrasive article comprising a skeleton-like structure of aluminum oxide formed insitu as a continuous bond for added softer material.

POHL 1,986,850

Uniformly distributed hollow spaced are produced in abrasive bodies by gas evolution and use of soluble or sublimable spheres.

ROBIE 2,806,772

Teaches the use of clay balloons, porous clay pellets, and other friable particles to provide pore support and increase freedom of cut.

SANDMEYER 2,986,455

Describes the unique ability of hollow alumina spheres to serve both as abrasive grit and pore spacer in bonded abrasive articles.

COFRAN 3,329,488

Abrasive grains bonded with an organic resin, combined with a particulate, friable pore-forming material (olivine).

WHITAKER 3,661,544

Method for making abrasive tool, mixing thermosetting resin and abrasive particles, including light weight friable inert filler particles.

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FUKADA 4,226,602

Incorporates pore-forming blowing agents with or without alumina bubbles in a continuously-formed resin bonded abrasive article of improved cutting ability.

COTTRINGER 4,623,364

Seeded sol-gel sintered aluminous abrasive grain. grain composed of an assemblage of alpha alumina crystallites.

LEITHEISER 4,314,827

Method of making alumina by the sol-gel process.

NARAYAN 4,741,743

Combination of fused alumina grits with sol-gel process by preparing a dispersion of alpha alumina onohydrate particles using an alpha ferric oxide nucleating agent.

HAYNES 4,800,685

Grinding cast iron using sol-gel process alumina with other abrasive grains, such as silicon carbide and fused alumina.

2. No representations are made regarding the completeness of the search that was made.

Respectfully submitted,

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